

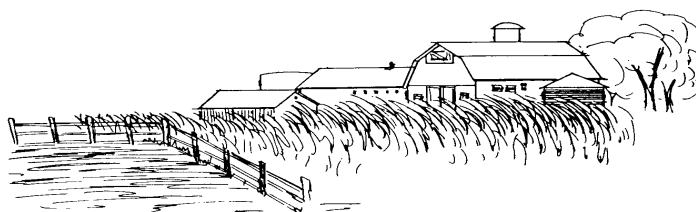
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Agriculture Prices

Utah: Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-January 2005, compared with December 2004 were down for barley, alfalfa hay, and other hay, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for December 2004 was \$99.00 per cwt, down \$3.00 from January 2004. The December 2004 sheep price, at \$41.00 was \$7.00 higher than January 2004.

Baled alfalfa hay was \$85.00 per ton, down \$2.00 from last month but up \$1.00 from last year. Other hay, at \$75.00 per ton, was \$8.00 lower than last month but \$4.00 above January 2004.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 110,

based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point (0.9 percent) below the December Index. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.9 percent) while the Livestock Index is up 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broilers, cattle, oranges, and snap beans. Lower prices were received for tomatoes, dairy, eggs, and broccoli. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cattle, corn, soybeans, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of grapes, dairy, tobacco, and cotton. This preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.8 percent) from January 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, is 1 point (0.9 percent) below last month but 2 points (1.8 percent) above January 2004.

Average Prices Received by Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Jan 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005 ^{2/}	Jan 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005 ^{2/}
Livestock & Products							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	102.00	99.00	2/	104.00	102.00	2/
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	34.00	41.00	2/	43.80	44.80	2/
Crops							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.39	3/	1.94	2.69	2.47	2.37
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	84.00	87.00	85.00	84.80	92.40	90.90
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	71.00	83.00	75.00	70.20	67.10	70.60

¹Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

²January data will be published next month. ³Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.